

Depot Town Rag

January, 1987

Meetings for the good of the block:
Chamber bfst — 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday, McKenny Union
Foundation — 8 p.m.
Association — 7:30 p.m.
Engine Club — 7:30 p.m.
Thursday - in the Old Caboose

A PUBLICATION OF THE DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Caboose, 400 Market Place, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198

Winter Jazz Series '87

Friendly folks of all ages — rustic, relaxing surroundings — a hearty meal with drinks to match — attractive background music — the fine concert music — exciting dance music: It's the special magic of the Depot Town Winter Jazz Series, now in its sixth year.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m.; come early for an attractive, inexpensive, refreshments and cocktail jazz. Choose either concert seating or our cabaret section, which now boasts a new, improved sound system. The main concert offers 90 minutes of excellence at 8 p.m. Then, in the grand Depot Town tradition, we pull back the chairs and dance to well past midnight.

Just eight dollars for a night of good people, good music and great times. Order tickets in advance and save even more money. Series tickets are a thoughtful, fun-filled gift and a guaranteed way to beat the winter blues. Call your favorite party people and order your tickets today.

TICKETS: (Ann Arbor) Schoolkids Records, (after Jan. 2) PJ's Used Records, Little Professor Bookstore; (Ypsilanti) Tom's Party Store, Huckelberry Party Store, many Depot Town businesses and WEMU. For more information or a ticket mail order form, call 487-2229 any time. Season tickets @ \$20, \$8 at the door.

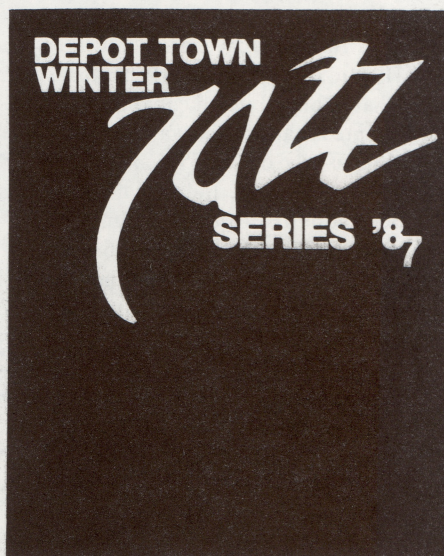
Produced by the **Depot Town Association** and by **WEMU**, the broadcasting service of Eastern Michigan University. Sound by Aerial Enterprises.

Saturday, January 10

— **The Harvey Thompson Trio**, winner of the WEMU Jazz Competition, one of that event's finest discoveries.

— **The Austin/Moro Big Band**, Detroit's hottest big band. They cover modern classics, standards and contemporary pop tunes with verve, precision and fierce energy. Catch their 90 minute concert set at 8 p.m. and then swing and sway the Unstin/Moro way with two fine dance sets. Something for everyone, from swing dancers to bossa lovers to flat out rock and rollers. A Depot Town premiere.

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Country Music Series to Follow?

Depot Town's Jazz Committee is considering the addition of yet another promotion for the good of the block. Country Music has long been a popular commodity in Our Town, since we came up from the southern counties and states of our origins to win World War II. Since that time, A Bluegrass Concert, the Country Christmas tradition and last year's Country Music tent at the Heritage Festival have proven to be crowd-pleasing attractions.

Join the DTA and the Jazz Committee in their deliberations regarding a March/April/May series in the Freight House. If this becomes a reality, we'll need even more volunteers to bring a whole new public to the block.

Saturday, February 14

What a night for boppers and blues fans.

— **The Don Revels Duo**, a runner up in the Competition, richly deserves wider recognition.

— **Roy Brooks and the Artistic Truth**, one of the great drummers, composers and band-leaders, will offer music of uncommon creativity, capped by an appearance by **George V. Johnson**, direct from Newark where he's busy keeping Eddie Jefferson's vocalized style alive and swinging.

— **The Valerie Wellington Blues Band**, Chicago's hottest new blues belter, in an exclusive area engagement with her own band. Her Frog Island Festival set took the tent by storm: she will offer three terrific dance sets starting at 10 p.m.

Sesquicentennial Series Begins

In order to help us to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the State of Michigan achieving statehood, The Depot Town Rag offers a series of six articles about the significance of this district to the State. The first installment begins in this issue.

Not only does Ypsilanti enjoy the presence of Peter J. Fletcher's service to the Michigan Sesquicentennial Commission as its vice chair (second only to Frankenmuth's Bill Zhender, who serves as chair), but The Rag's editor, Tom Dodd, also serves as one of the thirty-two Commissioners.

Fletcher chairs the Special Events Committee and Dodd serves on the Public Relations Committee.

Saturday, March 14

— **Montache** won the Jazz Competition with his intriguing blend of classical and jazz acoustic guitar.

— **The Joe Loduca Quintet** is a most creative guitarist. This band represented Detroit at three European jazz festivals. With special guest trumpeter **Rayse Biggs**, the group will recapture the special magic of their 1986 Montreux/Detroit show, a festival highlight. Fusion, funk, ballads and bebop: This band does it all, with taste and authority.

— **The Robert Penn Blues Revue**. Robert Penn was B.B. King's musical director; he will be bringing his guitar, his roaring vocals, a special horn section and fellow Metro Times poll-winner, **Juanita McCray** to Depot Town for three hard-rocking blues sets. A Depot Town exclusive!



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In "Michigan - A History", Bruce Catton states that "the Indians distributed themselves very much as the whites who dispossessed them did later, with many people living in the productive regions and few living in the hardscrabble country. Strikingly enough, the relative densities of population in the different parts of Michigan are today just about what they were when no one but Indians lived there. Which proves, possibly, that, after all, the lands molds people to its own measure, either in the age of chipped stone or in the age of Madison Avenue tempered by nuclear fission; and it may be that we are not entirely the masters of our fate."

While the People of the Fire frolicked in the deep forest and broad prairie, another tribe had crossed the great water and established a camp in what is now called Quebec with Samuel Champlain in charge of the expedition. They had come up the St. Lawrence River and crossed Ontario via the Ottawa River, entering Lake Huron. They were looking for Asia and crossed the straights of Lake Huron, entering Green Bay wearing mandarin robes to greet the Oriental kings. Finding none, they proceeded to trap animals since their leader, Louis XIV, was in the custom of wearing animal skins on his head and the fad had caught on among his court.

In 1608 a party of French traders under the command of Jean Nicolet entered Lake Huron. A man in his party named Etienne Brule' travelled with them. He had left Samuel Champlain's French camp in Quebec before wandering the dark woods often, and had adopted many of the ways of the people of the woods. When Nicolet returned to France with his load of skins, Etienne stayed with the natives and toured the forested lands, faring not so well as the Indian who had returned to Paris with Nicolet's party. On reuniting, both admitted to being assimilated into their new societies, but Brule' was eventually killed by his new society probably near what is now Midland, Ontario.

In 1641 French Jesuits, the "Black Robes", followed the same route and Jacques Marquette established a mission at the southern edge of the cold and mysterious Lake Superior. Father Claude Jean Allouez canoed west into the waters not even known by the natives of his time and established La Pointe Mission beyond the Keweenaw Peninsula. After a hard northern winter, Marquette retreated to Michilimackinac and established a community he dubbed St. Ignace.

Louis Jolliet canoed south from Michilimackinac in 1671 and was the first white man to see the straits between the base of Lake Huron and Lake Erie, which is erroneously called a river today. What seems to current travelers as the logical St. Lawrence-Lake Ontario-Lake Erie entrance to Michigan was probably deferred until this time, due to the formidable presence of the great falls between lakes Erie and Ontario. Jolliet had built a 45-ton boat on Lake Erie and sailed it north to Green Bay for beaver pelts in 1679. The *Griffon* left with a full cargo and was never seen again — the first of many white man's boats to be "swallowed up by a crack in the lake."

Another French trader and former Jesuit, Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, came into the area in 1666. In 1680, La Salle had travelled down the Wisconsin side of Lake Michigan and was trading in the area near what is now Peoria, Illinois anxiously awaiting a shipment of iron which he supposed was at the western Lake Erie shore by that time. Although no white explorer had yet crossed the forested and damp lower peninsula, he decided to try to cut across east from Peoria to connect with Lake Erie. He came upon the Huron River in the Portage Lake area and canoed through the present Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Belleville before portaging across to the Detroit River when the Huron took a decidedly southern turn. (The people of Belleville have recently accredited their discovery to La Salle and erected a statue in his honor in the town park.)

In 1694 another French trader, experiencing the loss of demand for beaver hats in Paris, Sieur Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac came down from the high country and proposed to establish a colony of settlers along the strait between the lakes. He established that colony in 1701 and called it *La Ville d'Etroit*, The City on the Straight, and over the years the City of Detroit has kept its almost-French pronunciation. Rather than traders, troops or settlers, Cadillac decided to call the residents of *d'Etroit* "habitants", and their tiny house lots clustered within the log stockade walls of Fort Ponchartrain. Over the years they established narrow strips of farm land reaching to the water. Today's "Frenchtown Days" in Brownstown Township still give away colloquial accents with their roots in the French language of over three hundred years ago. Many of the lot lines just north of Ford Lake show the same curious diagonals determined by the French Claim deeds and titles from that time.

Bruce Catton says, "... the profound and subtle lure of the wilderness remained to touch the restless dreams of the people in Detroit and their descendants down to the present generation. The wilderness is always an enemy to be beaten, but it always exercises a fascination. The Wild West evokes an instinctive response, and it had its first incarnation, not on the sagebrush plains, but in the land of blowing trees, unbroken shade, and the huge lakes that lay empty beyond the horizon."

Victorian Holiday Support Recognized

I take this opportunity to thank the many friends and neighbors who helped to make the November/December Victorian Holiday such a success in Depot Town.

- Certainly the Festival of Lights was a great success and we thank the Visitors and Convention Bureau, Mike Kabat and Al Shelton for the heroic efforts in initiating this great spectacle.

- Richard Haas' six-page story in the December Rag was a unique and delightful Christmas card to our loyal readers, young and old.

- Merchants up and down the street continued the spirit with open houses, beautiful window displays and their continuous warm and friendly spirit. Many people rediscovered how intimate an older shopping district can be through their efforts.

- The newly formed Depot Town Antique Engine Club strutted its stuff with a dynamic window of iron and brass, a Christmas dinner at the Old Fire Hall and helpful preparations in stringing lights for Riverside Park.

- The Ypsilanti Press and The Eastern Echo recognized and announced our Window Walk, the film and the Madrigal Concert. We enjoyed great attention through their pages in news items and editorials.

- The City of Ypsilanti gave its usual loyal backing of people-oriented support through

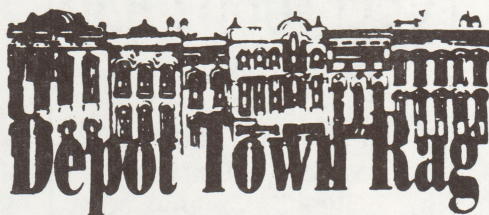
the Farmers' Market, the Freight House and constant maintenance of health and safety throughout the district.

- Regional television promotions highlighted Depot Town from Detroit to Jackson and even a General Motors promotions team captured the Depot Town spirit for their in-house promotions.

- Our regular clientele was joined by thousands more who 'discovered' this authentic little neighborhood and we anticipate their return throughout the events occurring the rest of the year.

Happy New Year, Depot Town. We're off to a great start!

*Gary McKeever, president
The Depot Town Association, Inc.*



THE DEPOT TOWN RAG:

A publication of the Depot Town Association, Inc., a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to preserving the unique character of the neighborhood and to the enhancement of its business climate.

The Depot Town Association, Inc.,
Gary McKeever, President
The Caboose, 400 Market Place
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198

Street Talk

The sidewalks of Depot Town are unlike those found in either the big cities or in slick shopping centers:

Merchants sweep and shovel with great regularity and many addresses boast amenities not found in the faster-paced commercial alternatives.

— Flower pots and tiny gardens abound during the growing season.

— Potted plants, flowers and pumpkins adorned the facade of Peddler's Path when they opened last fall. They continued their tradition with greens and bows in the easily-reached window box.

— Benches provide easy sitting at Miller's Ice Cream Parlor, Ike's Barbershop and Hon's Flowers.

— Tables, umbrellas and chairs appear at Aubree's, Paponetti's and Miller's.

— Furniture and other related stock overflow our antique shops when weather permits. You can easily shop from your car at the Thompson Block Antique Mall, Depot Exchange Antiques, The Depot Town Auction House, James MacDonald's Antiques, Apple Annie's Vintage Clothing and Vintage Passion.

Literally thousands have passed our continuous display and enjoyed Depot Town's hands-on approach to merchandising. But the disappearance of that unique three-place blue bench from the front of the Auction House still shocked and disappointed many locals.

Have faith, Depot Town. Think of the hundreds who appreciated its convenience and marveled at the fact that it was not even chained down or anchored to the sidewalk. Perhaps Nan will find a new bench and take another chance. Or (just maybe) the present caretaker will think again about small-town ambience and return it.



RE: West/East Alleyway Running from Rice Street to Railroad Track Area

Dear Property Owner:

The City has commissioned a title search/-survey study of the north Depot Town area which include the above referenced alley. As part of the study, survey crews will be detailing the exact City right-of-way for the alley. The City will subsequently stripe, post and enforce traffic flow and parking restrictions within the area. We expect the study to be completed by January 15, 1987 and urge you to begin planning for changes which parking restrictions within the alley may cause to your property/business.

A meeting will be scheduled for property owners after the study is completed in order to explain in detail changes which will be enforced. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for cooperation.

Sincerely, Matt Hennessee, City Manager

D.T.A 20 November 1986 October minutes accepted.

Treasury:

General	9914.30
Rag	(314.70)
Jazz	-0-
Caboose	15.00
Halloween	32.78
Billboard	(467.24)
Boomer Days	53.93
Victorian Holiday	(175.00)
Total	\$9059.07

\$25 approved for Christmas decor for the Caboose. Meadows will arrange.

Jazz: Winter Series flyer in production. \$4200.00 cost per concert. Seeking sponsors. Sidetrack with sponsor ticket printing. January 10, February 14, March 14 concerts \$20 series, \$8 each concert. 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. dance party w/ WIQB announcements for \$5 on 2/14 and 3/14. Still need stage construction coordinator/committee to set up and strike facilities.

Country Music Series? Investigate a March/-April/ May Country Series with Michael G. Nastos, WSDS, same format as Jazz. Decide in December.

Rosier Players in Depot Town? Meadows and Dornfelds will propose.

"Participating Merchant - Stickers will be purchased by C. McKeever at \$150 for 48.

Victorian Holiday continues with Window Walk 11/19, Film 12/7, Concert 12/14 and Festival of Lights until 1/7. Grand Trunk Ltd. sponsored an extra 1000 brochures for \$26.

Rag Report: December issue is 8 pages, includes Richard Haas' Depot Town story. Miller's Ice Cream will pay for an extra 100 copies.

Depot Town Antique Engine Club elected Jim Monaghan president and liason to DTA. Christmas dinner at 5 p.m., December 14 at Tom Conway's Old Fire Hall. Election to follow, then join the Madrigal Concert at Aubree's Second Floor. See current window display.

Vice Presidents? Should Foundation Engine Club, Merchants and other neighborhood groups provide their chief officers as DTA vice presidents for continuity and liason? Discuss in December.

Danny Hoffman, candidate for Ward Five City Council, offered volunteers for the proposed Country Music Series.

Farmers' Market proposal for inside-only operation was discussed and a letter of concern will be sent to the City.

City Body Shop is about to be sold to the Sobby brothers. HDC has disapproved of the Sobby renovation proposal. City Hall's Mary Steffe has announced her opposition to their plan. The Historic Depot Town Foundation has met with the brothers and reviewed their plan. The property is not included in the Depot Town Development Authority.

Liability Insurance for the Freight House may prohibit Doug Dalton from continuing his monthly auctions. Would DTA co-sponsor with Doug for a percentage of profits? Investigate and discuss in December.

Best Yet Award to the merchants' enthusiastic involvement in the Victorian Holiday promotion.

Golden Geese to the four-wheel-driver who takes short-cuts over the Frog Island embankment and to all others who abuse the Frog Island parking lot.

Adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

D.T.A. 18 December 1986
Minutes of 20 November accepted as read.

Treasury:

General Fund	1830.80
Rag	(224.70)
Jazz	1500.00
Caboose	30.00
Halloween	32.78
Billboard	(467.24)
Boomer Days	53.93
Victorian Holiday	(387.74)
Total	\$8667.83

Send bill to Grand Trunk \$26 for extra run of Victorian Holiday brochures.

Lois Wells, candidate for Fifth Ward City Council introduced herself and discussed City and Ward issues.

Michigan AAA has requested Depot Town brochures for distribution.

Rag Report - December eight-page issue sold out. Send bill to Miller's Ice Cream for 1000 extra copies. Printing costs necessitate raising sponsorships to \$10 a month. Gary and Tom will be following up with sponsors before end of year.

Winter Jazz Series tickets are out. Share House volunteers will help with set-up. Eric has a volunteer to chair set-up and break-down. Committee will meet between holidays.

Country Music Series still proposed. Carolyn negotiating with M. Nastos. No decision until January.

Merchants' Committee is meeting regularly, will determine criteria for awarding "participating merchant" stickers. Carolyn's design is being printed. DTA will pay \$150 printing cost.

Madrigal Singers Concert showed no profit to Aubree's; many who reserved seats did not show, but concert was well-received and will continue next season. Next year will see half seats reserved, half for walk-ins.

Rosier Players made 1987 schedule in November, but Meadows will continue exploring possibility of melodramas for summer promotion.

Gun Sales? Concerned citizens should check with City regarding legal permits, licenses, ordinances.

1st Vice Presidents will represent subgroups to DTA: Jim Monaghan from Depot Town Antique Engine Club and the chair (or a designate) from Merchants' Committee and Foundation. 1st VPs will serve as committee with the DTA Vice President.

Engine Club proposed design for logotype was reviewed and may be done in copper badge as well as embroidered patches. Explore more patch/badge logo possibilities for neighborhood organizations and interests.

City Body request for expanding their present conditional use permit was denied by the City Planning Commission. Many private individuals testified. Zoning Board of Appeals may be the next step.

Liability Insurance for Auctions is possible, according to DTA carrier, but Doug Dalton has not yet responded to offer for shared costs and profits.

"Telling Ypsilanti's Story" is the theme for a Visitors and Convention Bureau grant-supported course offered at E.M.U. to boost tourism in the community. Rosen-Fine has enrolled.

Washtenaw Council for the Arts symposium on 'better meetings' was attended by three DTAers who found it useful. Suczek will report and suggest at next Foundation

meeting. The Merchants' Committee will be invited to participate. Many excellent monthly programs are not attended by the member groups.

More WCA: Carolyn's tenure on WCA board is over. Tom has been elected secretary. City's senior economic planner, Sue Dickinson, has been elected to the board. Many out-county groups do not take advantage of WCA benefits. Ypsilanti needs to be heard and seen more at that level.

Membership Committee needs to be expanded and updated for more effective outreach. Gary will meet with Barbara Lohr. Bonni pledged help and new ideas.

Billboard Lighting is possible, according to Edison's Al Shelton. Consider mounting fixture atop neighboring building. Alex will explore feasibility, costs and ability to pay.

Opera House proposal has been made for the second floor of Hansen's building much in the tradition of the Kerrytown Concert House. Mark Palm is still exploring possibilities.

Chamber of Commerce discussions have lauded the Festival of Lights for bringing thousands of new people to the area. Tom will serve on the Chamber's nominating committee for Board positions. Depot Towners are encouraged to participate.

"State of the Region" is theme of next 'first Tuesday meeting' of the Chamber featuring Mayor Murdock and Supervisors from Ypsilanti, Pittsfield and Superior Townships: 7:30 a.m., January 6, McKenny Union. \$6 per person, by reservation.

Promotional Pizza Parties proposed as regular 'invited guest event' for district promotion. Video tapes, slide shows and discussion of projects would accompany pizza and beer. Discuss and suggest in January.

Show window available for decorating at Rosen-Fine's building. Install Jazz Series exhibit and promotion.

Ducks in the Huron River respond by the hundreds to handful of cracked corn every morning.

Best Yet Award to the Visitors and Convention Bureau for the Festival of Lights concept.

Another Best Yet Award to Bill and Sandee French for again hosting the Madrigal Singers' Concert.

The Golden Goose Award to those who park in or drive through the pedestrian walkway.

Adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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1st in a series of the Michigan Sesquicentennial theme: **PATHWAYS From Stone Age to 1701:**

Today's Depot Towners are not surprised to learn that this little back-street neighborhood was discovered by the back door. That's how we found it — and so did the original inhabitants. In the earliest days that people are known to inhabit this space, communities of what came to be called Indians roamed the area and found the Huron River easy to cross in what is now Ypsilanti's Riverside Park. Most of them stumbled out of the great forest to the north and reveled in the bright sunshine of the prairie which began south of here. The flood plain afforded an easy camping ground and often a family or tribe would encamp here to meet other travellers, trade goods and stories, or await a member's death and hold commemorative and burial services here. The crossing provided a meeting place and crossroads for hundreds of years, although no single group ever claimed to own it.

The concept of "tribe" hardly fits these nomads, since they were not organized communities such as the Chippewas of the north. Even that group was known as Ojibway, Outchibou or Otchipwe, depending on who was telling the story about them. The Ottawas held forth farther south and often traded in this area, just at the edge of the great northern forest.

Most of the people who fished, hunted and planted these grounds fell into the generic name of "People of the Fire" and included such groups as the Potawatomi, Fox, Sauk and the Massauaketon. Their migratory habits developed the east/west passage across the base of the lower peninsula known as the Old Sauk Trail. A highway closely follows that trail and is today recognized as the longest singly-named street in America, since most municipalities along the way have chosen to keep the same name: Michigan Avenue stretches across the bottom of the State from Detroit to Chicago.

Farther south, in what is now Ohio, was the group known as the Miami, whose name was stolen by Florida land developers in later years. The Iroquois, made up of displaced people formerly called the Hurons, had left the Georgian Bay area and moved almost continually. They were later called the Wyandot.

Rather than "entering the prairie" in this locale, they saw it as "leaving the forest", hence entering the back door of what is now Washtenaw and Monroe Counties.

It is not hard to imagine the prairie at the base of a forested peninsula — stretching from the shore of Lake Erie to the base of Lake Michigan. Cross-country travel was practical here, but certainly not farther north. Even along this edge of the Huron River the beginning of the dark and mysterious forest was evident. Such natural formations as still exist just west of the intersection of River and Oak streets illustrate the popularity of "oak openings" to travelers in that forest. Although the heavily forested land kept underbrush from growing, it was dark and damp beneath the trees. Little light penetrated and it was often difficult to tell the difference between night and day. Every so often, however, a family of towering oaks would reach above the green canopy and create the effect of clerestory windows into the forest, permitting sunlight to pierce the darkness. The acidic nature of these trees caused lush grasses to grow beneath them, creating much the same environment as a carefully mowed German park. This not only provided a good camping and drying-out place, but afforded the opportunity of shinnying up one of the tall giants to assess directions from the sun, stars and the rising of the next opening for the journey through the forest.

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A Sesqui-Series: The First 400 Years

By Tom Dodd — for The Depot Town Rag
Introduction:

In celebration of the Michigan Sesquicentennial in 1987, The Depot Town Rag will publish a series of monthly articles relating the life of this small district to the rest of Michigan — before and after the 1837 declaration of Statehood.

1. PATHWAYS (January) - from the French traders of the 1600's to the "habitants" of *d'etroit* and their relationships to native Americans along the Old Sauk Trail.

2. DAYLIGHT IN THE SWAMPS (February) - French and British battles, Indian defenses against white men's opportunism, Godfroy's Trading Post.

3. PECKVILLE (March) - Woodruff's Grove made obsolete by the Chicago Road, early farms on the Huron River, Michigan Territory declared.

4. RAILOADED! (April) - The Michigan Central Railroad, Statehood, The Great Railroad Conspiracy, detectives lurking in Depot Town saloons.

5. LUMBERTOWN (May) - Summer finds lumbermen and rivermen seeking entertainments in the Follett House, the Oliver House and Depot Town bawdy houses.

6. FORDLAND (June) - Technology gives us Willow Run, Interstate 94, fins and chrome; a whole new perspective on our inheritance from early Detroiters, *Sieur Antoine de La Mothe Cadillac*.

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Magazines, Comics, Posters

50 East Cross 485-4930


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The Cricket Box moved just a few doors west to larger quarters just in time for the rush of the Victorian Holiday. Their high spirit continues their tradition of excellent gift and antique items.

Our Little Secret

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Hon's

Flowers & Fancies

46 East Cross 482-2124

PEDDLER'S PATH

44 East Cross

Peddler's Path enjoyed great attention at their grand opening just in time for the 1986 Victorian Holiday. The district's newest shop offers gift items in the country and folk-art tradition and has been bursting at the seams with friendliness and good will, as well.

Pat and Lisa, a mother and daughter team, continue a long neighborhood tradition of multigenerational businesses in Ypsilanti's old Depot Town. Welcome them to the block.

RAGTIME

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37 East Cross 483-4555

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56 East Cross 483-1053

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38 East Cross

Paponetti's Pasta

Homemade Italian Food & Pastries

17 East Cross 483-3574

New Ad Format:

Notice how our loyal sponsors are presented differently, beginning with this issue of The Rag. There's still room for more — at only \$10 a month. We encourage all our sponsors to send us copy to include with their insert every month.

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Jim MacDonald's Antiques

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29 East Cross • 481-0555

Jim MacDonald and Lynn (Radtko) Talbot have finally reopened their shop at number 29. One of the oldest buildings on the block, 29's east wall had to be entirely replaced this summer and, while the first floor is again habitable, extensive renovation continues in the tree apartments above.

Although the first floor facade painting is complete, second and third floor painting will take place in the spring. Watch for a bright, new awning to set the new color theme of grey, red, and white.

Welcome back!

Vintage Passion

Unusual & Different

Costume Jewelry

32 East Cross

Depot Town Storefront FOR RENT
 Call 482-3463